



FLWEMS Paramedics Neonatal & Pediatric Protocol for the Management of:

PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA

(Patients 18 y/o or less)

Code Blue

Pediatric patients in cardiopulmonary arrest from trauma.

Class I

Pediatric patients with life threatening injuries and/or unstable vital signs.

1. Respiratory arrest or distress requiring advanced airway management.
2. Cardiac dysrhythmias or shock.
3. Any of the following unstable vital signs.
 - ⇒ RR < 10 or > 60 bpm.
 - ⇒ SBP < 60mm/Hg (< 5 y/o)
 - ⇒ SBP < 80mm/Hg (6-12 y/o)
 - ⇒ SBP < 90mm/Hg (> 12 y/o)
4. Unstable blunt chest trauma with increased respiratory rate.
5. Severe uncontrolled bleeding.
6. Penetrating chest trauma.
7. Penetrating abdominal trauma.
8. Neurological injuries.
 - ⇒ Prolonged loss of consciousness (> 15 minutes).
 - ⇒ Glasgow coma score < 8.
 - ⇒ Acute paralysis.
9. Evidence of injury to more than one organ system.
10. Burns > 20% of Body Surface Area (BSA) partial and/or full thickness.
11. Inhalation burns.

Class II

Pediatric patients with potentially life threatening injuries but vital signs presently stable.

1. Falls over three times the height of the patient.
2. Penetrating trauma to head, neck, and groin to mid-thigh.
3. Death of another passenger in the same vehicle.
4. Ejection from vehicle.
5. Vehicle passenger space invaded by one foot or more.
6. Pedestrian struck by a vehicle, motorcycle or bicycle.
7. Patient in a vehicle that rolled over.
8. Combination injuries and burns.
9. Burns < 20% BSA partial thickness without inhalation injury.

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- 10. Greater than 20 minute extrication time.
- 11. Loss of consciousness < 15minutes.
- 12. Near drowning.
- 13. Class I type injuries over 24 hours old, patient presently stable.

Class III

No obvious life threatening injuries and vital signs stable.

CAIRA/Chemical Surety Considerations

None

Triage Considerations

Refer to S.T.A.R.T. Triage Protocol

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